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Now it's official — Sir Arthur's stepping down!

By
JOHN
MANGAN



Sir Arthur George, the Greek tycoon who has presided over Australian soccer for so long, will retire next year. But before he steps down the ASF president will oversee the biggest soccer event ever to take place in this country — the Bicentennial Gold cup.

A major announcement is just weeks away on the structure of the competition.

"I can't say yet which nations will be competing," says Sir Arthur "but we have already agreed to compete with two previous World Cup winners. Australia also will be competing and one other country will make up the fourth contestant".

The bicentennial tournament will be a focus of world attention.

"The fourth team will be chosen on the attractiveness of its play, strength of its being equal to television audience," it will draw.

"A competition of this scale can't rely on gate-money. We will be inviting an Australian broadcaster to act as the host station and it will send the program to the satellite for the overseas audience. We are already making arrangements

with overseas networks and the selection of the fourth team will be an important factor in the cup's international appeal.

"We are working with the West Natty organisation which was involved in the promotion of the 1978 World Cup and in Australia has just secured a \$7 million sponsorship deal for rugby."

While Sir Arthur will bow out with the Bicentennial tournament he refuses to be drawn into discussing his possible successor. Charlie Perkins, John Constantine and Jack Reilly, all members of the ASF World Cup Committee, have been mooted as possible presidents.

Sir Arthur's last task will be to put the Bicentennial tournament into the record books for anyone who's the man who is in his third decade at the head of Australian soccer.

On stepping down Sir Arthur says: "It's not that I don't feel I'll be able to do the job, but that I want to give youth a chance and have some younger blood running the federation."

He intends to retain an honorary position with the ASF and remain a delegate to FIFA. His primary task at the mo-

against an Argentinian national team and a Chilean national team — though these teams could be the national Olympic teams. Egypt and Morocco will be in the President's Cup and the South Koreans who are the Asian champions.

"I think this will be one of the toughest tasks the Soccer-er have ever had to face."

Sir Arthur has been through the glory days of the late '50s and early '60s, the qualification for the 1974 World Cup finals and the establishment of the National League. Where is the game headed now?

"The current national team, and the team that faced Scotland in 1985, is about as good as a team can be at a part-time level. For us to go on

introduce full-time football in different ways this could come about. The clubs could go full-time on the ASF could do what Australian Cricket Board does. The A.C.B. employs it full-time and then leases them out to the clubs. There are a few possibilities and they'll be looked at after the Olympics and the Gold Cup."

"For the first time the national team will be made up of players who were all born here or learnt their soccer here. Another positive sign for the game is that the national league is pursuing a much more professional course. It's only making one mistake and that's the retaining of the ethnic club names at a time when we should be attempting to broaden the appeal of the game."

"As the older migrants become increasingly assimilated into the Australian community we should be giving the game a broader base. We have to get people to come to the games not because a Croatian team or a Greek team is playing but because there is entertainment football being played."

So what does Sir Arthur see as the major achievements of his reign?

"The major achievement in my time as president has been the setting up of the coaching scheme. Through the generosity of Rotarians, coupled with government funding, we have been running the coaching scheme with Eric Washington for 15 years now putting out 24,000 coaches. When we began there was hardly a school which had anyone capable of coaching soccer. Now soccer is played in nearly all the schools and all the universities in the country."

"Soccer is at the stage now in Australia where clubs get their new players from their youth teams. Though some clubs still refuse to see the light, there has been a virtual elimination of imported players."

LIFT YOUR GAME OLYMPIC PARK

Olympic Park is having an almighty struggle to get things right — or, at least, on the improve.

Olympic Park should be the finest soccer stadium in Australia. It's not right now, for a number of reasons.

The size of the pitch at the No 1 ground is a disgrace. That's not a condemnation of hard-working groundsmen like Jimmie Peart who are doing their best in the difficult living situations.

It's the fault of those responsible for allowing rock-bottom fees to be held on the pitch.

Last Saturday evening a keen bunch of youth team players from Oakleigh turned up at Olympic Park, eager to take on the developing youths and, I suspect, just as excited at getting to play as they would be soccer's premier venue.

They were confronted by an earnest discussion involving officials from both clubs, Olympic Park ground manager Roger Hampton and the referee for the youth game, which was in danger of being called off.

The referee for the youth game simply didn't do his ground inspection before refusing to discuss the situation. He was unauthorised to decide whether or not the match should go ahead, obviously staggers me.

After much ado, the game went ahead. If it hadn't, you would have read my comments on that decision and they wouldn't have been kind, believe me.

But back to the pitch. I hear that other rock concert will be held on it but that it will have some sort of covering which minimises damage to the surface. Not stops, mind you, just minimises.

Let's move next to the bird-shit on the seats.

Moving right along, let's talk about the flooding, which is so poor that photographers can't take decent and sharp photos.

Let's now talk about the young Olympic Park official who I spoke to last Saturday night after

the lights were turned off in the Press box midway through my report of the Juventus-Marconi game to AAP, which, for those of you who don't know, services media outlets throughout Australia.

I told the young official of my problem. I asked him if he (a rhetorician, question, really) if he could make sure that it doesn't happen again. How long do you need the lights on for?" he asked.

Now, I don't particularly like people who answer my questions with a question tossed right back at me, but I was staggered at the impatience of his question.

A simple "yes" would have sufficed. The lights won't go off again until journalists have stopped working. But, as his question implied that had he answered maybe 45 minutes or an hour earlier the match, he mightn't have been able to help.

Now, let's talk about parking at Olympic Park.

No, let's not talk about parking at Olympic Park especially when a rock concert or a travelling spectacular or an evangelical extravaganza is going on at the Sports and Entertainment Centre next door, or a night cricket match at the nearby MCG.

It's not going to be just dandy when the tennis centre across that road is in full swing!

The attitude of current Olympic Park tenants is crystal clear.

Brunswick Juventus is finally going to add credit to its name by moving to a big complex in Brunswick, while Melbourne Croatia will move to Sunshine.

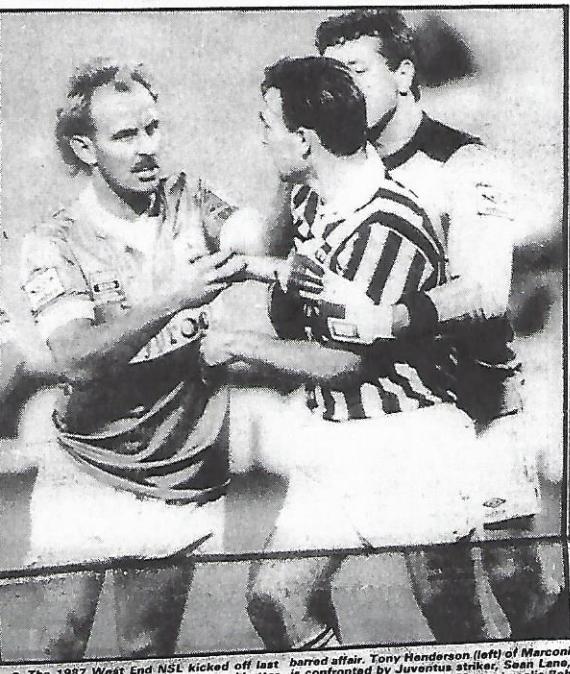
These moves are a couple of years away, but they're coming, of that I can assure you.

Will be playing on Olympic Park's No 1 ground then?

Apart from Simple Minds and Mental As Anything.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

The West End NSL is off and running



The 1987 West End NSL kicked off last weekend and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Two of the glamourous league stars — Brunswick-Juventus' Marconi — clashed at Olympic Park on Saturday night and as Les Shorrock's picture shows it was a no-holds-barred affair. Tony Henderson (left) of Marconi is confronted by Juventus striker Sean Catlin. For a preview of this weekend's round of matches and all the reports from the big games, turn to pages 5, 6 & 7.

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PAUL MOON profiles Heidelberg's new stars

It is never easy for sons of famous players to reach the top in soccer.

Always there are people eager to make comparisons, invariably unfavourable, with their fathers and the pressure to "emulate dad" often places immense pressure upon them.

Andy Deeley was no exception. The son of Norman Deeley, Wolverhampton Wanderers' right winger during the "golden era" of the '50s and early '60s and winner of two England senior internationals, too, he was unreasonably expected to go on to achieve similar glory after showing promise as a teenager.

But the younger Deeley, failed to rise above the semi-professional grade in England. Rejected after trials at Wolverhampton Wanderers and West Bromwich Albion, his one brush with success came when scoring 25 goals for Stourbridge during its 1979-80 Southern League campaign.

The diminutive striker was in something of a rut when, in 1983, he moved to New Zealand and joined Dunedin Technical, a club experiencing its first, and what proved to be last, National League season.

Technical endured a wretched year and won just a single league game. For much of the time it appeared to be little more than a one-man band — that man being

Deeley: Out of dad's shadow

Deeley's friend and travelling companion from England, Kenny Drakeford, the former South Melbourne Helias midfielder now with Victorian club Northcote. Deeley was comparatively anonymous.

When Technical dropped back into the Southern Regional League, Deeley moved to neighboring Dunedin City and it was here that the Englishman showed himself to be something more than a run-of-the-mill National League player.

In New Zealand, only a small minority of people know of Wolverhampton Wanderers, let alone Norman Deeley. For the first time, he was not being constantly referred to as "Norman Deeley's lad". Instead, he was Andy Deeley in his own right.

It is impossible to judge the degree to which this helped him, but what cannot be denied is the fact that in New Zealand he displayed far more consistency than during any of his time "back home".

By 1986, Deeley was widely acknowledged as the sharpest goal poacher in New Zealand. Called upon to serve his adopted country almost immediately upon

qualifying for naturalisation, a debut for the All Whites came early that year against a touring Soviet selection of uncertain status (at best, a national "team" assembled by the FA).

Deeley had by now become a Gisborne City player and the Sky Blues' adventurous style suited him well. He snatched 18 goals to win the Golden Boot award as the National League's top scorer.

Two opportunistic goals against Australia in the Windfall Trans-Tasman Cup rounded off a memorable season and prompted Heidelberg United to bring him to Melbourne.

1987 promises to be at least equally eventful. Not only can Deeley look forward to his second season in the West End National Soccer League, there is also the challenge of the forthcoming Olympic Games qualifying series, should New Zealand select him and the Deeley-less All Whites' inability to score in any of their four recent games against Dynamo Minsk suggests that he should be an automatic choice.

The next few months are likely to be the most important ones yet in the career of Andy Deeley.



• Andy Deeley

N. Korea out of Olympics

FIFA ruled last weekend that North Korea would be excluded from the 1988 Olympic soccer tournament in Seoul following its non-appearance at four qualifying matches.

FIFA said its sub-committee for emergency matters, chaired by Giacchino Kolosko of the Swiss United, had reviewed the S.Korean failure to play any of its Asian region qualifying ties in Kuala Lumpur last month.

North Korea had protested that it should be recognised as co-hosts and therefore not have to qualify to secure a place in the 16-country competition.

FIFA said that under the regulations of the Olympic soccer tournament North Korea had lost the games in question and could not further participation and would have to reimburse the Malaysian Football Association for expenses incurred and loss.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) officials have been working for months to try to reach a compromise between North Korea's demand that it jointly hosts the Games and heads off any possibility of a Communist boycott.

The IOC and the South Korean Olympic committee have offered the North Koreans a limited sharing of the Games, including some soccer events.

A fourth round of talks between Olympic officials of the two Koreas, hosted by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, were to take place in Lausanne next month.

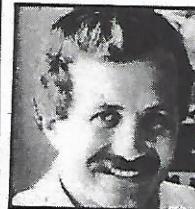
Preliminary matches have already started for the 15 available places in the soccer tournament. South Korea has automatically qualified.

The president of the East German parliament said last week in Tokyo that his country intended to take part in the Seoul Games.

Horst Sindermann said that his country supported North Korea's proposal to host part of the Olympic Games. But he added: "We have no objection at all of making a condition for our participation whether parts of the Games are held in North Korea or not."

East Germany joined a Soviet-led boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and has no diplomatic relations with Seoul.

Soccer leads the way once more



Straight Shooting
with PETER SCOTT

wish I was wrong and he was right.

Olympic fall-out

Give an inch to a bully and he will try to take a mile.

The truth of the above little pearl of wisdom could well be uppermost in the minds of FIFA bosses right now.

Since Seoul was given the right to host next year's Olympic Games, North Korea's communist dictatorship has been trying its damndest to throw a spanner into the works.

Unfortunately, the International Olympic Committee, in its desperation to avoid a fourth Games in a row disrupted by boycotts — or worse in the case of the lunatics north of the 38th parallel — tried to appease.

Now then, this has never worked before, nor has it this time.

The IOC offered the North a few events, such as table tennis and a preliminary group of soccer.

Not good enough, it seems.

However, enough for the North Koreans to announce to an aimless and sundry that they are now co-hosts of the 1988 Olympic Games.

This, even though they haven't accepted the joint IOC-South Korean offer, holding out for a 50-50 split of events.

The first sporting — as distinct from diplomatic — fallout of this ridiculous situation has now landed on FIFA's desk in Zurich with a resounding bang.

The North Koreans failed to turn up at the Asian elimination soccer tournament in Kuala Lumpur earlier this month.

They claimed exemption from the Olympic qualifiers on the grounds of being, you guessed it, co-hosts of the Games.

The Asian Confederation was, predictably, not impressed and immediately demanded North Korea's suspension from the Olympic soccer tournament.

In a neat example of instant buck passing, IOC spokesman Michele Verdir described the ruckus as a "technical problem entirely within FIFA's jurisdiction", and never mind that it was the Olympic movement's pussy-footing which created this particular "monster".

Who knows what will happen between now and next year's Games, but the odds against an interference-free fortnight of sport are beginning to lengthen considerably.

Money, money

If money can buy happiness, then next Sunday at St George Stadium in Sydney should be a really jolly occasion.

On Saturday, the two biggest spenders of the NSL, Sydney Olympic and Sydney Corlett clash in a second round fixture.

There's expensive signings galore on parade for both teams, not just those who were signed this year, but also last year's crop.

Will Manis Lamond start consistently living up to the reputation gained by his \$32,000 price tag?

Can John Kosmina disprove those who claim he is over the hill?

Robbie Slater Socceroo material, or were the critics of his St George Budgie days, who claimed that he always promised much without ever delivering over the long haul, correct in their assessment?

And is Tony Franken the best goalie in Australia?

It should be some clash, full of intriguing questions, straight-out infirme — just look at the coaching situation at Olympic — and all the ingredients of a memorable afternoon.

Let's hope the lunatic element I talked about in last

McKinna: 4 Cup Final goals in 20 minutes!

To score a Cup-Final goal would be the highlight of most players' careers, but Heidelberg United's Lawrie McKinna can claim to have scored no less than four in one final — and all within the space of 20 minutes!

Admittedly, the match in question, the 1982 Ayrshire Cup Final, which McKinna's team, Kilmarnock, defeated Girvan Amateur 12-0, is not classified as a senior fixture but the Cup is keenly contested by every prominent club in Robbie Burns' county and, in games it is recorded as, official, first-team encounters.

McKinna joined home town club Kilmarnock from local junior team Darvel in May,

1982, a couple of months before his 21st birthday, and made his first team debut in September of that year when coming on as a substitute during a Scottish Premier Division game against Hibernian.

He had two further substitutes' outings, against Celtic and Dundee United, in what proved to be a wretched Premier Division campaign for "Kilts". It finished last and conceded a record 91 goals.

McKinna found first team opportunities more plentiful after Kilmarnock's relegation to Division One, but he never became an automatic selection. Of his 100 appearances, 30 were made after a spell warming the subs bench. In total, he scored 22 goals.

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Here comes the charge of the VSF brigade

By
**CRAIG
MACKENZIE**

The VSF is the most bureaucratic federation in Australia in fact it goes to such lengths to charge clubs and players under its umbrella for a whole host of services that it would leave Paul Keating and Treasury officials gasping with amazement.

Let's look at the VSF charges for 1987:

Affiliation fees: State League and Victorian NSL clubs \$1800; each Victorian League Division One club \$1,250; Division Two clubs \$1,000; Division Three clubs \$1,000; Division Four clubs \$800; all Provisional League clubs \$800; all Amateur League clubs \$400 and all clubs in affiliated leagues \$200.

Cup entry fees: Night Summer Cup (?) \$50; Dockerty Cup \$50; Armstrong Cup \$40; Buffalo Cup \$40; Victorian League Cup \$40; Provisional League Cup \$40; Provisional League Reserves Cup \$40; Amateur League Cup \$40; Amateur League Reserves Cup \$40.

Passport renewals: \$6 for seniors, \$2 for juniors.

Transfer forms: \$40 for seniors, \$10 for juniors.

New registrations: \$15 for seniors, \$8 for juniors.

Automatic players fines: \$30 for first sending-off; (in the one season); \$40 for second sending-off; \$50 for third sending-off and \$30 for three cautions.

Protest fee: \$100 to be lodged by the club along with the protest and \$50 to be returned to the club IF IT WINS THE CASE.

Appeals board fees: Players pay \$100 for a first hearing, \$200 for a second against their transfer fee heard by the appeals board and \$50 of that figure is non-refundable.

Club tournament: Clubs must gain permission to hold their own tournaments and also pay \$50 for that privilege.

There are many other charges imposed by the VSF, but perhaps the most curious is the \$25 levy on all clubs for the upkeep of Soccer House!

You can get a copy of the VSF constitution and rules by

paying just \$10; replacement of ID cards costs \$15; there's an interstate visa player administration fee of \$25; team sheets and result pads cost \$5; international clearances via telexes cost \$30; international clearances also cost \$25 to the VSF and \$25 to the ASF; if you want to change your club name it costs \$200 if you're a new club joining the federation you're up for \$300 and then you pay an affiliation fee (?) of \$200!

Let's see what it's like playing soccer in NSW and being a member club of that federation.

Affiliation fees: State League First Division clubs \$3,500;

Second Division clubs \$1,500;

Third Division clubs \$1,100; Inter-Urban First Division clubs \$615.

Second, Third and Fourth Division clubs \$555.

Registration forms: \$10.20 for seniors and juniors with a \$15 levy (\$25.20 all up).

Appeals board fees: Players from full member clubs (State League Division One to Division Three) pay \$50, players from Inter-Urban League clubs pay \$25. If the player wins his case he gets the lodgement fee paid in full in fact, at the discretion of the appeals board, he also can lose his case and still get a refund, in part or in full.

Disciplinary committee fines: \$150 for a one or two match suspension; \$100 for three or more matches; \$25 for any suspension in the Inter-Urban League. Players can appeal against the result and if they win the fine is refunded.

Protest fee: \$30 to be lodged by the club along with its protest and fully refundable if it wins its case.

Any club joining the NSW federation pays \$300, the renewal of passports costs \$1; issuing new passports costs \$10 and any telexes that have to be sent to the ASF simply cost \$25 per telex, the charge levied by the ASF itself.

There are no transfer form fees in NSW, no administra-

tion levies or upkeep of administration building levies; no charge for changing a club name, no charge for organising your own tournaments and no team sheets and results pad charge.

In South Australia, the federation has cut out just about all of its service charges by simply upping affiliation fees.

"We don't charge a cent for all these things the VSF charges for because they're all covered by our affiliation fees," said SA federation secretary Peter Nikolic.

"You don't pay a penny here to enter our cup tournaments and if you want to organise your own tournament all you have to do is seek permission from us which we give in just about every case."

In SA, State League First Division clubs pay an annual affiliation fee of \$5,000 with Second Division clubs paying \$3,000. That covers everything with the exception of club protests and player appeals which cost \$30 and are refundable if the cases are won.

Now it's off to Jakarta!

By
**JOHN
MANGAN**

schedule now has two games in Adelaide, two games in Perth with the final two games of the round-robin series to be played in Jakarta in Indonesia.

"Soccer fans are coming from as far afield as Darwin and Cairns to see these games," said Haffenden, "and we are confident that the tournament will be a success. We do have plans for future tournaments involving games in Sydney and Melbourne, but I can't say more about that at this stage."

At the moment there are no plans to televise the tournament, but Haffenden says that he will listen to any offers.

The revised schedule for the tournament is:

ADELAIDE: Friday, May 29, Nottm.F. v Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium; Saturday, May 30, Man.Utd. v Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium.

PERTH: Monday, June 1, Man.Utd. v Nottm.F. at the WACA; Tuesday, June 2, Nottm.F. v Celtic.

JAKARTA: Friday, June 5, Man.Utd. v Celtic; Sunday, June 7, Man.Utd. v Nottm.F.



Drago Deankovic (left) in action for Croatia last year against Rob Cullen of Brunswick Juventus.

Croatia fuming over Deankovic

Melbourne Croatia is up in arms over Footscray JUST's attempt to sign Drago Deankovic, who played with Croatia last year before returning to Osijek.

The Melbourne club has instructed the ASF to telex FIFA asking the world body to investigate claims that Deankovic has been playing for Osijek this year.

"Drago is our (Melbourne Croatia's) player. He remains under suspension until he makes himself available to play for us and he hasn't received any clearance whatsoever to play with any other club, either in Australia or overseas," said former Croatia team manager Frank Burn, who has been called back by the club to handle the Deankovic affair.

"We suspended Deankovic in mid-July last year and he told him that we were considering suing him for alleged breach of contract.

"He refused to make himself available last year for our game against Brunswick Juventus on June 29. At first he told us that he had to go

home to visit his father who was ill. Two days later he approached Steve Mandekic (a Croatia official) and asked for a transfer to Footscray.

"We retained him at the end of the year even though he was overruled and right now his suspension remains in force. On November 27 last year the VSF received a telex from the ASF saying that the Yugoslav federation was seeking a clearance for Deankovic. We advised the VSF that the clearance was refused and on December 4 the VSF wrote to the ASF giving them that instruction. If Deankovic is playing with Osijek then he's doing so without a clearance.

"When this matter arose late last year the strong view of the Melbourne Croatia club was that Deankovic's conduct was aimed at getting a transfer through the back door by joining NK Osijek then transferring to Footscray. We see no reason to change that view, especially in light of recent developments."

— CRAIG MAC KENZIE

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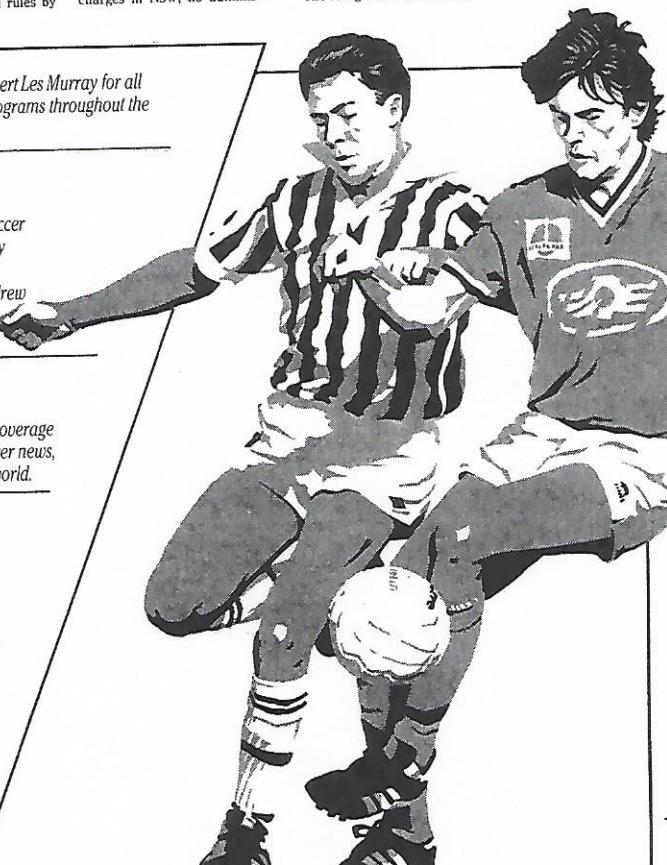
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I really hate being pessimistic about it but soccer had me conditioned to treat all hallelujahs with prudent caution.

Last week's announcement about \$500,000 or more being spent on promotion during 1987 is good news. For the promotion agency, that is.

I wish I could believe for one fleeting moment that the present marketing or sales promotion organisation will succeed where others had failed. But I can't.

Soccer's problems are not promotion-oriented. If they were, Rik Booth, then with Underline and ASF Marketing would have fixed them.

Booth is still being revered as the high priest of the Australian sales promotion industry, a man who never fails.

Except in soccer. Not because of his own shortfalls but because of soccer's complex problems.

Peter Sheean, another successful marketing expert, didn't have much better design or more success in the field of commercial and retail promotions. Soccer is, somehow, different. A Maradona could fill the stadiums, even a Baumgartner of 1960 — but a promotions agency can't.

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of that \$500,000 professionally, efficiently, properly. And then they will be stunned to realise that nothing has changed, that soccer's image, status and appeal have all remained the same.

I do wish I was wrong; I pray that just for once my pessimism and bitterness over many years of setbacks would turn out to be unjustified.

I want to be proved wrong; I want to believe in miracles. But I may not have enough deep faith and true hope.

PS One last thing. I do wish there would have chosen a more intelligent and less confusing theme for the promotion than their "Aussie Soccer — You Just Cannot Touch It".

Cannot touch what? Cannot touch it because it's too superior to all the other codes that outrank it — or cannot touch it because it's like a leper, perhaps an Indian pariah whose

touch causes instant death? What they meant was "you just can't beat it!" (perhaps match it). pity they came up with a bad slogan that will, at best confuse people, at worst offer soccer again as a target for ridicule.

And I want to believe in miracles... ★ ★ ★

It seems that the AIS has money to burn. Only recently it appointed Ron Smith a former Shoulder-Wringer in protest to Head Coach, opening many old wounds in people who feel that the entire organised coaching system in Australia is reeking of charlatanism and unwanted British influence.

Now, it appears, the Head Coach wants a Coach to do such routine chores as outlined in the advert on the left. Why then have a Head Coach? Does a full-time Head Coach find it too arduous to handle his team alone — which any number of NSL coaches, on a much higher level, have to be able to do, often for free, at times?

If one day, the ASF (in the post-George period) decides to clean out some old cobwebs, perhaps these coaching anomalies deserve its priority attention.

Two full-time government-employed coaches for one junior soccer team — really...

According to a newspaper report, St George has come up with some "novel ideas" to put burns on seats for its home matches. I have to rely on the newspaper report because the SAs haven't bothered to send me a copy of their plan!

This "great idea" — too complicated to reproduce in detail here — consists of a number of schemes under which junior teams and their coaches can gain admission to the matches at reduced rates.

I could be wrong, but I find it hard to believe that too many junior teams — 16 or 18 people — will bother to meet on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons in order to proceed, en masse, to the St George Stadium to save a few collective dollars.

This whole idea reminds me of that misery Santa Claus who is padding his wages with a cheery "Any-of-you-kids-want-to-buy-a-present" chant.

St George — and the other clubs, too — should have decided ages ago to admit youngsters, say under 14 or 16, FREE. Completely free: without ifs and buts or a rather involved mass movement scheme.

Tragically, not too many of them would turn up even then — but at least a few would go, taking some of the chilly emptiness out of the stadium.

Just as I have been advocating this for some years, I have also tried to talk clubs into letting women into their ground FREE, if accompanied by men.

Once again, there is hardly any risk involved at all: how many women go to soccer nowadays — apart from Croatia's matches, which appear to be family affairs?

On the other hand, quite a few husbands are kept home by wives who resent being soccer widows all their lives and yet they themselves don't want to go because of the extra expense.

The current "novel idea" which the SAs reportedly revealed at some special launch is hardly more than a gimmick, an attempt to appear to be doing something positive.

If getting newspaper space out of this was their aim, they have succeeded. But if it's steady, regular extra support and income they are after, I think they need something better. ★ ★ ★

I hope I don't commit some sort of sacrilege for which I will have to stand in front of the Holy Inquisition — but I find the continuing "Will-Craig-Johnston-Play-For-Us" drama a trifle boring.

Craig should have been in the Socceroo teams for many years now — had he known his mind.

But, according to his own oft-repeated statements, he wanted Big Time, a place in the England team, preferably in the World Cup. When that failed, he volunteered to play for Scotland — but was again, predictably, rebuffed.

Now he has turned to Australia, which is, in my way, a compliment, because he preferred us to Wales and Northern Ireland.

Fact is, Craig Johnston is a truly splendid player and one can only wish that he did have

enough nerve earlier to act for

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Had he chosen to play for Australia, say two or three years ago, instead of taking out British citizenship, he would have been swamped by lucrative sponsorship deals "forcing" him to match the earnings of a Newcastle, Fenec and the Mean Machine.

Somehow, somewhere along the line, some people managed to pass a flow of poor advice to this brilliant soccer player — and so it happened that he had to come, recently, eating ham pie — and accept an offer to play for the Socceros.

That was nothing was the equation for his international aspirations.

What a huge difference his presence could have made — would have made, I'm sure — against the Scots in those World Cup matches in 1985...

Perhaps it's not too late — provided this time the circus doesn't continue and Craig Johnston does decide to make himself available for Australia. Not in 1988 or 1989, but as from this year.

If, in 1989, we could field a national team which includes Johnston as well as players with recent or current international experience such as Crino, Mitchell, Krnecovic and Patikas, we could certainly hope to emulate the deeds of that famous 1974 side and reach the World Cup Finals.

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In fact, that was the worst foul of the 90 minutes and if some other, minor offences warranted a caution, then this one by Dunn richly deserved not only a sending off but also 10 days in solitary!

On such decisions turn the outcome of matches, the happy-

seek in soccer, I trust that poetic justice is not one of the characteristics.

Take the recent Challenge Cup Final between the two Croatas.

In the first half, Socceroo defender Robbie Dunn of Melbourne committed a cynical and potentially brutal foul on Sydney's Manis Lamond, hacking him down from behind when the little, colorful Lamond had broken through towards goal.

Dunn's punishment was a caution — pretty meaningless, as it turned out, as referee Gary Power handed out about half a dozen during the 90 minutes.

The ensuing free kick was wasted and Melbourne escaped a sticky situation rather cheaply.

Then, in the second half, the same Dunn played a big part in the only goal of the match, giving Melbourne Croatia a somewhat lucky victory.

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ness of fans, the longevity of coaching contracts and entries in record books...

That's why I said don't bother to seek "justice" in soccer, not even logic, just a string of events and incidents which shape the outcome of matches.

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Talking of this match which, of course, will soon be old hat, I was most disappointed with the form of some of the game's highly rated stars.

Dunn, for one: this tall, strong Scot looked very run-of-the-mill and anything but international class. Maybe he will, once he slots into his team — but I doubt it.

Then there was Alan Davidson, the former Socceroo full-back, who gave a very poor performance.

He may be the nicest chap in the world — but I have always regarded him as virtually useless as a player of dubious defensive qualities with limited tactical discipline and far less skill than his not inconsiderable camp of admirers make out.

Some other "big name" stars also drifted in and out of your attention span. Paul Lewis, Graeme Arnold, Wally Savor, the painfully slow Vedran Racic and Josip Biskic all looked sadly ordinary.

But that great veteran, Zarko Odzakov didn't here, once again, was proof of the old theory that sheer class will always triumph, that skill can only be learned as a child and soccer brain cannot be transplanted even by the best coaches.

Odzakov has it all: he is a reincarnation of Ricardo Campana, Roberto Vieri, Ferdo Dumaj and others of that ilk which, once, used to dominate our soccer.

Alas, Odzakov is a specimen of a dying breed, the occasional and rare sunshine in a gloomy sky.

One can only wish he could be cloned.



VFL's LOSS IS NSL's GAIN

While the newly expanded VFL competition searches for a major sponsor, the National Soccer League is laughing all the way to the bank — well, almost.

The picture above shows John Brannif, general manager (marketing) of the South Australian Brewing Company, displaying a can of West End premium lager against the backdrop of the NSL logo.

The SA brewers are heavily involved in sponsoring Aussie Rules in the State, so why didn't they get involved with the new VFL competition?

"It comes down to a matter of costs really.

Sponsoring the VFL would have been a waste of resources.

"The costs of sponsoring the VFL would have been hard to justify given our market

position in Victoria. We'll be happy just to use our sponsorship of the National Soccer League clubs in that state to establish our presence there.

the interesting market for us is in NSW and the home front we are the market leader and that's a position we want to defend as aggressively as we can."

Brannif's company initially approached the SA federation last year inquiring about the possibility of becoming involved in soccer sponsorship in a big way. The SA federation contacted the NSL, which at that time expected Olympic Airways to remain the league's major sponsor. But when that situation did not materialise, Brannif's company and the SA Brewing Company and after an eight-week period of negotiations concluded the richest deal ever struck in Australian soccer.

Interestingly, the VFL never approached the SA brewers about sponsorship.

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• Les Murray (right) and Andrew Paschalidis — two members of the SBS team which is providing the best ever coverage of Australian soccer.

Win a new Mazda

SBS sports fans have the chance to win a stylish new Mazda in competition run in conjunction with this season's coverage of the West End National League.

Weekly prizes of West End jackets, T-shirts, sports bags and soccer balls will be given away in the lead-up to the competition's grand final leg, second leg, November 8. The car from West End Mazda is first prize and the runner-up will receive a trip for two to the Barrier Reef flying Ansett.

Prizes will be awarded for

each week of the competition.

To win all you have to do is watch SBS-TV's three "Sport Report" programs: "Sport Report — Soccer" (Monday at 8.30 pm); "Sport Report — International" (Tuesday at 8.30 pm) and "Sport Report — Australia" (Wednesday at 8.30 pm).

Each week on each program there is a West End soccer star will be interviewed on the screen. To enter, viewers must record the three names on the back of an envelope and mail it to:

West End Win-A-Car Soccer

Competition Entry No. 100

Saturday, Sunday and Monday are the three big soccer days on SBS, which combined will give the city its best TV coverage yet.

Heading the lineup is Sunday's "West End Soccer League" and "Match of the Day". This 32-week NSL competition is SBS's major commitment to soccer in 1987 and in response to requests from fans the game is going to air the same afternoon rather than having a late evening replay.

"In its six year history of covering soccer this is shaping to be the best season ever for SBS," said Les Murray, who again heads the network's soccer coverage.

The "Match of the Day" will be presented by Murray with game commentary by Mike Hill and expert comments from Australian soccer legend Johnny Warren.

The long weekend of soccer begins on Saturday at midday with "On the Ball" presented by Murray. This is a preview of the following day's West End games and features panel discussions, studio guests, news updates, player profiles

and reviews of the weekend's soccer presented by Murray at 8.30 pm. Every 30 minutes will feature match reports from various West End games and the latest news in overseas soccer. Reports are Paschalidis and Patterson.

SBS's reputation for international soccer coverage was sealed last year with its telecast of the World Cup, and the top games continue every Saturday on "World Soccer" at 5.30 pm. Upcoming matches include the European Cup quarter-final, Red Star v Real Madrid (April 4); Bordeaux v Torpedo (April 11) and Barcelona v Dundee United (April 18).

Further stages of the European Cup, UEFA and Cup Winners' Cups are also scheduled.

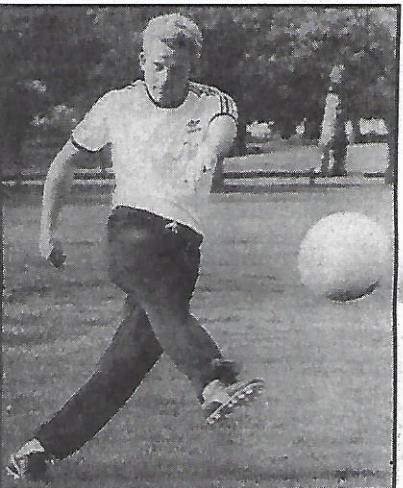
Later in the year SBS will be there when the Socceros compete in a pre-Olympic international tournament in South Korea in June and will cover the Youth World Cup from Chile in October.

The 16-team NSL Cup, this year sponsored by Beach Fashions, will be covered by SBS in a package of one-hour

As a guide for followers of the West End NSL, 'Soccer Action' is publishing below the official shirt number lists submitted by member clubs to the league's headquarters in Sydney. Some lists are incomplete as clubs leave shirt numbers available for new players while some lists don't show the complete first team squad (the numbers allocated only go as high as No. 15). Eddie Campbell is named in the Brunswick Juventus list but that list was submitted before his move last week to Footscray JUST. Here are the lists:

Ad. Juventus	APIA	B. Juventus	Foot. JUST	Heidelberg	Marconi	Melb. Croatia
1. McNALLY Willie 2. TOBIN Alex 4. NYSKOHUS Bogdan 5. FLOUNDERS Neville 6. MELTA Sergio 7. SANTRAC Adrian 8. VILLANI Charlie 9. MULLEN Joe 10. WILDE Paul 11. VIDMAR Aurelio 12. MULLEN Tim 13. RODRIGUEZ Juan 14. SHILLABEER Paul 15. VATSILAS Lemmy	1. PEZZANO Tony 2. STEWART Darren 3. YANKOS Charlie 4. BERTOGNA Arno 5. BROWN Mark 6. BUNDALO Alex 7. TREDINICK Peter 8. ZAJMI Burim 9. BROWN Rod 10. LORENZI Edward 11. BUTLER Terry 12. PHILLIPS Hilton 13. PARISON Anthony 14. BOZANIC Vic 15. BRADY Mark	1. MARAMA Pat 2. DURAKOVIC Mehmet 3. LEWIS Peter 4. BROWN Brian 5. BELIC Vlatko 6. YZENDOORN John 7. CULLEN Robert 8. INCANTALUPO Fabio 9. LANE Sean 10. PATTERSON Scott 11. ZINN Andrew 12. GRBAC Anthony 13. PALATSIDES Joe 14. CAMPBELL Eddie 15. VESNAVER David	1. NIKITOVIC Zoran 2. JAMES Tyrone 3. BARJAK-TAREVIC Rad 4. KARIC Tom 7. TAPAI Ernie 8. RADOVJEVIC Alex 9. LATIF Ossie 10. BOZINOVSKI Vlado 11. LUJIC Zdravko 12. CUROVIC Suleiman 13. BURLAK Mick 15. SPINK Warren	1. OLIVER Jeff 2. MCKIE Ian 3. MARLEY Steve 4. HUNTER Alan 5. KETSAKIDIS Chris 6. VALENTINE Mike 7. SELEMIDIS Thea 8. LUCCHESI Claude 9. MCKINNA Lawrie 10. DEELEY Andrew 11. TSOLAKIS Peter 12. KANESOLIS John 13. PAPPAS Con 14. DELIGIANNIS Nick 15. ANASTASIADIS John	1. JAMES Bruce 2. CARTER Paul 3. WHEATLEY Robert 4. HENDERSON Tony 5. GOMEZ Gerardo 6. MASON Craig 7. GRAY Ian 8. LOWE David 9. FARINA Frank 10. NASTEVSKI Zlatko 11. MAXWELL Steve 12. STERREY Lee 13. RIZZOTTO Joe 14. CARBONE Attilio 15. GUNNING Geoff	1. RUNJE Mirko 2. DAVIDSON Alan 3. McINTOSH Dave 4. DUNN Robbie 5. HANNAH George 6. TALAJIC Mark 7. BISKIC Josip 8. HERD Willie 9. SCOTT Alan 10. WALLACE Ian 11. LEMEZINA Tony 12. HUMBLE Andy 13. CAMPBELL Jim 14. LEWIS Paul 15. McLEAN Jim
Makedonia	SM-Hellas	St. George	Geo. Cross	Syd. Hakoah	Syd. Croatia	Olympic
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Thomson to Olympic, Fraser to Heidelberg?



• Melbourne Croatia's star import Ian Wallace will be looking for a change of fortune this week when he lines up against Brunswick Juventus. Wallace made his debut last weekend in the match against Sydney Croatia which won 6-1. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

WEST END NSL DETAILS

West End NSL standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA	1	0	0	6	1	2
A.D. JUVENTUS	1	0	0	4	1	2
S.M. HELLAS	1	0	0	3	0	2
APIA	1	0	0	3	1	2
Sydney City Hakoah	1	0	0	2	0	2
Bruns. Juventus	1	0	0	2	1	2
Foots JUST	0	1	0	0	0	1
P. Makedonia	0	1	0	0	0	1
Marconi	0	0	1	1	2	0
St. George	0	0	1	1	3	0
Sydney Olympic	0	0	1	0	2	0
Heidelberg	0	0	1	1	4	0
S. George Cross	0	0	1	0	3	0
Melb. Croatia	0	0	1	1	6	0

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Sherrist Reserve, crowd 3570. Referee: Jim Rossie 8.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikotic 8 — van Egmond 7, James 8, Baric 5, Campbell 7, Bland 9, Opasins 6 — Jolevske 7, I. Stewart 6(0th), Campbell 8, Tasevski 7, Illoski 9 — Smith 5, Gojevic 5, Coach: Bill Murray.

MAKEDONIA: Trianides 2 — McLennan 7, Jackson 8, Dobson 8 (sent off 82nd), Opasins 6 — Jolevske 7, I. Stewart 6(0th), Campbell 8, Tasevski 7, Illoski 9 — Smith 5, Gojevic 5, Coach: Bill Murray.

SYDNEY HAKOAH 2 (McCulloch 73 and 85, both Penalties) 5, SHINEHORN OUT 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5187. Referee: Gary Powers 9.

HAKOAH: Goling 8, Rodriguez 8, Robertson 8, O'Connor 8, Hocker 5 — McCulloch 6 — Opasins 6 — Jolevske 7, I. Stewart 6(0th), Campbell 8, Tasevski 7, Illoski 9 — Smith 5, Gojevic 5, Coach: Brian Garvey.

GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 4 — Taylor 4, Parton 4, Richardson 4, Gilder 5, Trimball 5. Coach: John Gardner.

Brunswick: 1, Tasevski 1, Faukner 1, Postecoglu 1 (all SGM). Referee: Eddie Thomson.

SYDNEY CROATIA 6 (Slater 6th, 12th, 16th, Rumora 19th, Ozdakov 36th, Arnold 59th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Lauvin 66th) at the Croatian Sports Centre

nings 9 — Rumora 6 (Clinch 55th), Ozdakov 8, Jones 7, — Slater 9, Tasevski 7, Lampert 8, Lauvin 65th. Coach: Vlasto Dzilic.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 5 (Lauvin 5th, Jones 5, Mclntyre 5, Dunn 7, Davidson 5) (Valenti 65th) — Humble 6 (Lemzina 45th), 7, MacLean 5, Biskic 6, Scott 5 — Lewis 6, Wallace 5. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

Best six: 6. Slater (SC), 5. Jennings (SC), 4. Lemond (SC), 3. Ozdakov (SC), 2. Lauvin (SC), 1. Dunn (MC).

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• South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Danny Crainie (right) strides past George Cross defender Steve Richardson at Middle Park on Sunday. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Gardiner: It's a disgrace

1987 West End NSL

Man of the match:
PAUL WADE
(SM-Hellas)



Knut Werner

**SM-Hellas 3
George Cross 0**

Scorers: Wade 16th, 41st,
Postecoglou 57th
Goalscorer: Part.
Referee: Jim Reeves 7.
Cautions: Markovski.

Win, lose or draw, John Gardiner retains that impulsive look after matches that would make some think he is hardly interested in the result.

But appearances are deceptive in Gardiner's case and there was certainly a fair amount of blood boiling inside him when it came to commenting on the outcome. The Sunshine George Cross coach practically spat out his disgust at the first ever defeat by a three-goal margin since he has taken over as coach at the club three seasons ago.

"The first half was a disgrace," Gardiner said.

"They were downright undisciplined players at things we are normally good at — pressuring when the opposition is in possession and attacking the ball."

Gardiner admitted that near the end the score could have been bigger, as Hellas was queuing up for attempts at goal only to be denied by good goalkeeping and poor finishing.

Hellas coach Brian Garvey was satisfied with the result in spite of the misses.

"We saved those goals for another day," he said with a smile.

"I'm happy with the result. You normally wouldn't want much better against George Cross and I'm sure there won't be many sides capable of putting three past them."

"We certainly can improve on our performance but it was a satisfactory first result."

Hellas increased its lead four minutes from the break when Wade got onto the end of a cutback from Danny Crainie to hit a weak shot which Kevin Innes deflected into his own net.

Wade, naturally enough, still claimed the goal.

Bain missed one of Cross' best scoring chances placing his shot wide after a good lay-off from Gilder.

Postecoglou hit the crossbar in the 54th minute before finally getting a lucky break to record his first-ever goal in the NSL.

The move leading up to the goal was among Hellas' best of the match. Richard Marnane swung the ball from the right side of the box, Crainie controlled the ball, looked up and laid it back for Postecoglou who hit his shot from outside the box through a sea of legs. It got a deflection before rolling into the back of the net past a stranded Keogh.

Trimboli nipped in for one last effort on the Hellas goal, cutting out a passback from Kalogerous to set up Markovski, whose shot was blocked.

After that, the procession started at the other end.

Egan and Wright fought on his own and knocked the ball wide of an empty net, Crainie with two men offering options in another break decided to go it alone and again hit his final shot wide. Egan got onto the end of a Danny Wright cross only to have his shot blocked by Steve Richardson. Wade had a shot tipped over the bar, and finally a cross from substitute Stuart Stevenson was headed wide by Wright.

Slater Croatia's hat-trick hero

**Syd. Croatia 6
Melb. Croatia 1**
At Croatian Sports Centre.
Crowd: 7278.
Referee: Richard Loretz 9.
Cautions: Rumore, Dunn.
Scores: Slater 61st, Odzakovic 86th, Rumore 19th, Odzakovic 36th, Arnold 59th (SC), Lewis 66th (MC).

Robert Slater got his second hat-trick of the season as Sydney Croatia thumped its sister club from Melbourne 6-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre last Sunday.

It was an awesome display of power by Sydney Croatia with Slater proving too much for a slow and out-of-touch Alan Davidson, Manis Lamond too fast for George Hannah and Zarko Odzakovic, simply too skilful for anyone the Melbourne side could throw at him.

Vedran Rozic could afford to smile at the end of this match which proved to one and all that the Tri-colors from Fairfield are going to be hard to beat this year. Their defence, well marshalled by Rozic, was the best of the best keepers in Tom Franken, nationalist back-ups Wayne Savor and Graeme Jennings and Ray Villetas, the central defender, is ex-youth Soccerol!

The Sydney Croatia captain was well aware of his side's defensive capabilities and his hopes were pinned on his ultra-fast forward line with Lamond

Ethiopians defect and head for Oz

Three Ethiopian players who sought asylum in Swaziland after playing in a match in Mbabane last year have said they are emigrating to Australia.

The three, Testafelot Gibreyesus, Dibas Gafadot and Woldeneh Taffesse, disappointed shortly before their team, Eritrea Shoe Factory, left for home after playing a Swazi side.

They later reappeared and told a news conference last week they had given permission to enter Australia and had school-



Alex Vesic

ments to an unmarked Arnold who trapped the ball then shot past Runje to make it 5-0.

A temporary respite came from an unfortunate error by Sydney Croatia keeper. A shot by Jim MacLean was tipped onto the bar by Franken and then forced back into play for Paul Lewis to race in and make it 5-1.

Then, with minutes remaining, Zeljko Jurin found Arnold with a crossfield pass. Arnold raced in then shot, aiming for the far corner. Runje only managed to palm the ball to the feet of Slater who tapped it in.

It was as one sided as you're likely to see and the scoreboard reflects the trend of this match.

Ian Wallace, rushed into the Melbourne Croatia side for this match, had a tough time against Richard tackling Vitezica but did manage to get on the end of a header to make it 6-1. A poor back pass by Mark Jones was intercepted by Wallace but his shot from an acute angle was well saved by Franken.

Slater and Lamond tore through at will, whilst Odzakovic amplified all that is so great about football. His skills, accurate passing and his finishing were superb. Add the skills of Rumore and the tough tackles by Jones and you have a superbly balanced side.

Melbourne, to an extent Dismayed, looked sluggish and out of touch and MacLean could do with an extra training session or two. He willed during the second period in the heat and humidity prevailing in Sydney's outer west on Sunday.

As Sydney Croatia powered its way to its best home result so far, the visitors argued at times openly. David McIntosh saw his shot clip the post with Runje beaten again.

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McMillan, McGuinness in the wars

Green Gully 2 Dinamo 1

At Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.
Scorers: Sweeney 55th, Cumming 65th (GG); Morovic 17th (SD).

For the third time in a row Green Gully gave its opponents a goal start but came back to save the game.

St Albans Dinamo with the wind behind it in the first-half took a one goal lead and should have scored a couple more before the break.

As it was, that goal was not enough to stave off the now expected Gully revival and despite of having three players less than fully fit the Greens came back and took both goals.

Dinamo's three goal-scorers this season all had a chance to add to their tallies in the 17th minute when Goran Runje fired in a shot which was blocked and fell to Svetlo Rastocic who blasted it and it rebounded again to fall to Dennis Morovic who made no mistake.

Rastocic didn't have a good day and in the 70th minute was replaced by Jack Bacak.

Gully coach Gus Macleod had Danny Zelenko, Tom Cumming carrying knee injuries and Joe Sweeney with a calf problem but you wouldn't have known it as Sweeney rose above the Dinamo defenders 10 minutes into the second-half to head home the goal which levelled the scores.

Then, 10 minutes later, the ball ran loose in the Dinamo penalty area and Cumming was on hand to fire Gully into a 2-1 lead.

Gully was unlucky not to be awarded a penalty, only moments earlier when Ray Ramirez handled the ball in the area but the referee deemed it unintentional and let play go on.

Dinamo pressed forward in the last 10 minutes of the game but squandered two free-kicks playing them wide while a more direct approach was called for.

Morwell 1 Polonia 1

At North Cannington Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Webster 44th (MF); Warszawski 52nd (Pol.).

Polonia coach Miron Bleiberg was happy to come away from Morwell with a point after last Sunday's game.

"Falcons are a good side and I don't think many teams will be drawing with them in Morwell this season," he said after the game.

"We played well," agreed Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor, "but we're still playing hot and cold. We'd got two or three halves of football together in each game. It's consistency that is the problem."

Falcons piled on the pressure in a whirlwind first-half denying Polonia the chance even to stage a serious attack, but it took until just before the half-time whistle for O'Connor's team to convert its territorial advantage into a goal on the board.

It was a cross from Elite Casper which Stan Webster met at the near post and guided into the net but finally gave Falcons the lead.

The advantage was short-lived though as only seven minutes after coming on after the interval, Polonia's not-so-secret weapon Greg Warszawski showed a clean pair of heels to defender Gerry Clark and sprinted through, taking the ball wide of keeper Romeo Prezioso and slamming it confidently into the net from an angle.

That goal brought his tally this season up to five, all the more amazing considering the injury he has been nursing through these games.

With big AKI Kotzamichalis keeping Ian Stirton quiet in the Falcons' forward-line, Polonia proceeded to get more into the game.

However, Warszawski sustained another injury — to his hamstring — and as Bleiberg had used both of his substitutions bringing on the Polish striker, and then bringing on Brendan Lalic for new signing Janusz Baran, Warszawski had to play out the last quarter-hour of the game contributing very little.

With Graham Tutill playing in the midfield Falcons had a purposeful look that has been lacking at times in past games,

ruined Falcons' chances in previous games this year and will have to be set right if the Mortwell side is to live up to its promise.

Springvale 1 W. Suburbs 1

At Ross Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: House pen. 59th (SV); Tuck 25th (WS).

In difficult weather conditions Springvale settled down quickly and pressured the Suburbs defence for much of the game.

Though Suburbs had the wind behind them in the first half it was Springvale which could have had twice in the first 10 minutes when Greg House on two occasions found room to shoot only to see his efforts deflected by defenders.

However, Jim Kondilis's team's first serious attack in the 25th minute bore fruit.

A beautiful body-swerve by David Smallman wrong-footed the Vale's defenders and he checked back to float a cross over the outstretched Dennis Boland onto the head of the on-rushing Darryn Tuck who directed it into the roof of the net.

Springvale could come up with no answer to Tuck's goal for the rest of the first spell but with the wind behind them after the change, pressed for an equaliser.

Rab Stewart, who had a good game, powered his way into the Suburbs' penalty-area and just before sending in a shot was brought down. The referee had no option but to point to the penalty-spot.

House's spot-kick gave goalkeeper Spiro Kardamitis no chance.

Springvale piled on the pressure looking for the winner and in the 75th minute seemed set to score when Ian Loughnan took the ball through and beat Kardamitis only to have the goal judge to be offside.

Though Springvale had most of the play, coach Bobby McLachlan was happy with the result considering the wet and windy conditions and praised his team for "really putting in and trying for the whole game".

Oakleigh 0 Caulfield 2

At Caulfield Reserve on Saturday.

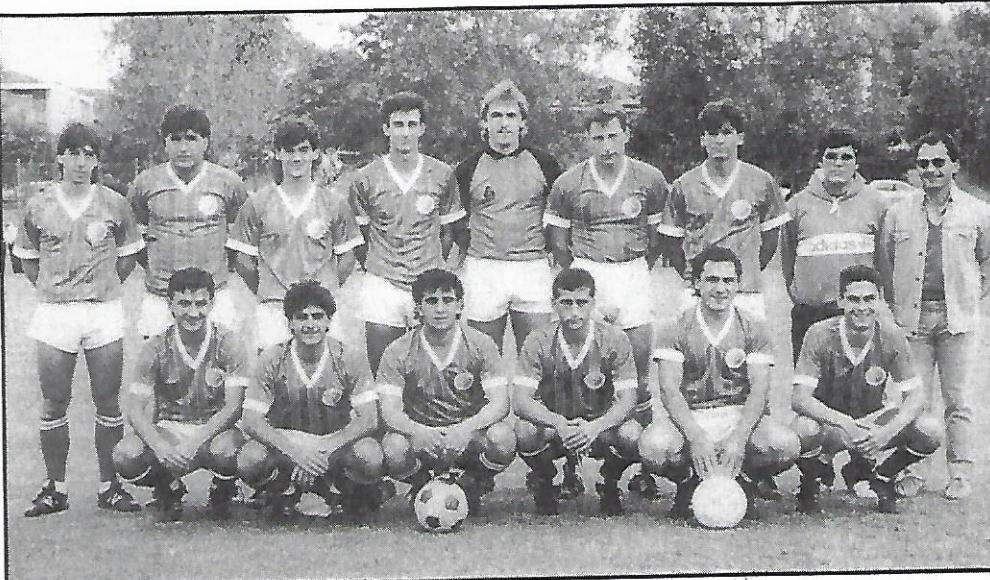
Scorers: Harris pen. 50th, Bitson 53rd.

Thanks to Jimmy Ross, Oakleigh dominated the first half-hour of its Greek derby game against Caulfield.

Oakleigh, however, was unable to convert its superiority into goals and when Caulfield coach Takis Svingos took of Jim Sahinidis in the 40th minute replacing him with Michael Hamakiotis, the game swung out of Oakleigh's reach.

"Hammer" Hamakiotis not only succeeded in keeping Ross out for the rest of the game but also provided the impetus for Caulfield attacks.

Five minutes into the second-half Caulfield drew first blood when Lou Theodosopoulos



• Caulfield, 2-0 conqueror of arch rival Oakleigh last Sunday, back row: Michael Hamakiotis, Jim Sahinidis, Angie Filippou, Angie Koutos, Robert Kadjer, Paul Harris, Harry Michail, Takis Svingos, (coach), club official. Front row: Alex Argiros, Pepe Abraam, Andrew Theocharous, John Bitsonis, Peter Tsitsiridis, Stratos Xynas. Missing: Ken Taylor, Dave Brooks, Lou Theodosopoulos, Phil Griffin.

Picture: LES SHORROCK.



Victorian State League with JOHN MANGAN

los ran onto a fine ball from Phil Griffin playing his first game for Caulfield. Theodosopoulos took the ball on his left foot and was brought down by Emile Pahljina inside the area.

Paul Harris, who continued his string of fine performances, was not pleased with the foul and placed his shot to the left of goalkeeper John Vafidis.

Then only three minutes later Caulfield wrapped up the game when Pepe Abraham, who had come on after half-time for Stratos Xynas, came down the left-hand side and put a ball through for John Bitsonis who touched it forward and blasted it into the Oakleigh goal.

Oakleigh was shocked by the two goals in such quick succession and never got back into the game. Coach Takis Svingos did not have to install fighting spirit into his team if it is to bounce back in the future because it virtually threw in the towel having conceded the goals.

Meanwhile, Nino DiMartino was out with medial ligament problems, so Mike Lynn's team was well below full strength.

Caulfield however failed to take advantage of the room given by Oakleigh though Harris was unlucky not to score when he headed an Angie Filippou free-kick against the crossbar.

— MIKE LYNN
Thomastown 0
Box Hill 0

At Partridge Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: French 80th.

Thomastown's injury problems grew during its game against Box Hill which saw George McMillan strain his hamstring in the first minute of the game, and Bobby McGuinness receive four stitches just above his eyelid following a clash with Box Hill's Dean Hennessey.

Russell Athersych was in the starting line-up despite of having hurt his hamstring while walking his dog and had to come off at half-time.

Meanwhile, Nino DiMartino was out with medial ligament problems, so Mike Lynn's team was well below full strength.

Both teams failed to come to terms with the giddy wind in the first-half though Box Hill did have the better chances.

Two minutes into the second-half Paul Temos, who had come on for Athersych at half-time, took the ball to the bye-line and his cross was met by Kevin Carfora whose header was scraped away by Hennessey.

Eight minutes from the end Andy Higgins and Danny Aracori combined on the left to put Higgins in a one-on-one situation with Box Hill keeper John McKinlay, but McKinlay foiled the attempt.

The last 15 minutes though saw both teams relax and it was clear that the two teams were happy with a draw.

"It was not a game to write home about," said Lynn, "but considering our injury problems, we was happy with the result."

— CROYDON 1
F'ston Pines 0

At Town Park on Sunday.

Scorer: French 80th.

Frankston Pines showed plenty of spirit in their clash with the champions of the last two years and in the end could just as easily have won this game as lost it.

For all Croydon's midfield advantage it was only a touch of Graham French magic which earned Jim Tansey's

team its first victory for the season, and that touch came out ten minutes from time.

French received the ball on the edge of the area, and taking the ball across the face of goal found a gap between the defenders firing in a shot which gave keeper Branko Radov a chance.

The game was marked by its end to end play in very slippery conditions which made accurate finishing difficult. Pines while looking shaky at the back, particularly in the first half, mounted their fair share of attacks on the Croydon end and with the comeback of Alix Dick with the coming of half-time, the comeback soon came close to scoring on a couple of occasions.

Tansey remained in the defence despite the return of Jimmy O'Reilly from suspension and showed his class particularly in dealing with awkward high balls carried by the wind.

Before the game Croydon defender Mark Brown had been presented with the Best Player trophy for the Buffalo Cup night series, an award he shared with Brunswick Juniors striker Andrew Farnham.

Frankston Pines showed plenty of determination in the rain begin to pour down.

O'Reilly was a tower of strength in the middle of defence for Croydon but Alex Livingstone had a disappointing day where nothing seemed to go right for him.

Craig Miller showed flashes of his dribbling abilities on the left wing while Richie Armstrong came close to levelling the scores only three minutes after French's goal when he slammed in a shot on the run which drew a great save from Keith Waterman.

Northcote 0 AIS 1

At John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

Scorer: Polak 30th.

Northcote slumped to its fourth successive defeat this season, this time at the hands of the Institute team.

Ron Smith's AIS squad came down from Canberra with a lot of this year's new intake and consequently was not as strong as the team which had travelled to Melbourne to face Thomastown a fortnight ago.

But the visitors still had much strength for Juan Toro's team.

While points were not at stake in the game, the Northcote players still had pride, and enthusiasm to play for the forward-line with Phil Diamatariis out and import Hugo Espanol in just failed to fire up.

The first half was virtually dead except for the two which led to the first

institute midfielder Dean Nicolaou fired in a corner at the 30 minute mark which fell to Alastair Edwards who flicked it on to Jason Polak who poked the ball into the net past keeper Mark Turudia.

The second-half was more eventful and while John Gibson and Edwards could have scored two or three times early on in the period, Northcote had to wait until the 72nd minute equalizing in the 72nd minute with its first serious attack of the game.

Espanol found it difficult to settle in his new team and fans did not get the opportunity to see his dead-ball skills. Northcote lacked the desperation to win this game while the Institute maintained its unbeaten run against the State League teams.

Broadmeadows 0 Fawkner 1

At Laura Douglas Reserve on Sunday.

Scorer: Ferla 34th.

The wind-swept Laura Douglas Reserve was the venue for a scrappy battle between promoted Broadmeadows and title-challenging Fawkner last Sunday.

As both sides resorted to kick and run tactics with neither system nor direction, it was not a game which offered much for the spectators.

Roy Ferla got the goal which captured the two away points for Frank McAleer's side in the 34th minute when Broadmeadows could only half clear a corner which was played back into the box. Ferla was on the edge of the six-yard box and his back-header beat keeper Dennis Pace to give the visitors the lead.

Peter Verechchia and Ian Tuffield had chances to put Fawkner further ahead in the first-half but a Verechchia volley went astray and Tuffield, on taking the ball round the Broadmeadows goalkeeper, couldn't stop it running over the bye-line.

Joe Palinkas and Tuffield threatened the Broadmeadows goal in the second spell and midfielder Chiavelli had a shot just past the post.

Peter Kadlecik and Renato Liberto had only a handful of shots in the second-half.

Fawkner's best chance to go further ahead came in the 51st minute when Tuffield slammed in a header which rebounded off the foot of the post.

After the game Fawkner coach Frank McAleer said "We had chances which should've put away, but at the same time we gave nothing away and we out two nil."



• Northcote, beaten 1-0 by the Institute of Sport at John Cain Reserve on Saturday, back row: Jim Hall, George Bozikis, Arthur Patiniotis, Mark Turudia, Alex Gymnopoulos, Chris Bakiaris, Peter Constantinou, Joe Leonidas, Juan Toro, Ken Drakeford. Missing:



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Dick back at Pines, Vrzina v McAleer

The on-again, off-again
Ally Dick transfer saga
became further complicated last week when Makedonia backed down from its bid to sign last year's Rothmans Medal winner.

While Dick had signed a contract with Makedonia, others and Makedonia had not sealed the transfer. Makedonia wanted to bring down Pines' asking price of \$8,000. Without the transfer Dick's contract was meaningless.

Buffalo State League standings					
	W	D	L	F	A
GREEN GULLY	3	1	0	8	5
POLONIA	2	3	0	8	4
CAULFIELD	3	0	1	5	2
FAWKNER	2	2	0	5	2
St Albans Dinamo	2	1	1	8	4
Thomastown	2	1	0	2	0
Croydon	1	2	1	3	4
Frankston Pines	1	1	2	4	6
Western Suburbs	1	1	2	3	5
Oakleigh	1	1	2	6	9
Springvale City	0	2	1	2	3
Box Hill	0	2	2	2	4
Morwell Falcons	0	2	1	2	4
Broadmeadows	1	0	3	3	6
Northcote	0	0	3	1	5

* The AIS is not included in the tables as no points are awarded for the games it plays.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Sweeney 55th, Cumming 65th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 17th) at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY: Y. Devere 7 — Hobgen 7, Cannell 7, Grimaud 7 (Fraser 65th), Douglas 8 — Cumming 8, Quigley 7, McLennan 7, Carter 7 — Sweeney 7, Zemunik 7. Coach: Gus Macleod.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Grigic 7 — Colina 8, Ramjaka 7, Krajacic 7, Kuzman 7 — Rastocic 5 (Bacak 70th), Batinovic 6, Culina 7, Duzel 6 — Morovic, Runje, Coach: Tony Grimaud.

Broadmeadows: Cumming 7, T. Colina (StAD), J. Sweeney (GG).

SPRINGVALE 1 (House pen. 59th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Tuck 25th) at Ross Reserve, Sunday.

SPRINGVALE: Boland 6 — Bannon 6, Hobson 6, Adams 7, Bissinger 8 — Bell 7, Stewart 7, Williams 5 — Loughead 5, House 7, Garvey 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis 8 — Macleod 7, Stefanidis 5 (Cullen H. 7), Dimosiris 6, Kyriazis 6 — Paraskeci 6, Farmer 7, Hammil 7, Kourantis 7 (Kapoglou 84th) — Tuck 6, Smallman 5. Coach: Jim Kondilis.

Best three: 3. Kardamitis (WS), 2. Bissinger (SV), 1. House (SV).

THOMASTOWN BOX HILL 0 At Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 6 — Cesentino 7, McMillan 6, Higgins 7, Arcos 7 — Carfora 8, Kerr 6, Constantinos 5 — Guly 5 — Atherton 5 (Temos H. 7), McGuiness 7 (Jankolovski 54th). Coach: Mike Lynn.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — Hird 6, A. McMillan 7, Hennessey 6 — Davidson 7, Burton 6, Brimmer 5, Routhouse 7 — Mozina 5, Mori 6 (McMorrow 75th), Azzopardi 6.

Best three: 3. A. McMillan (BH), 1. McGuiness (Th).

OAKLEIGH 0 CAULFIELD 2 (Harris pen. 50th, Britton 3rd) at Caloola Reserve, Saturday.

OAKLEIGH: Vafiadis 5 — Lalatas 5 (Vardaxis 70th), Pahlina 5, Tsiropoulos 5, Cumming 6 — Polatis 6, Ross 7, Gush 6 — Papars 5 (Kakantakis 60th), Irving 6, Gourias 5. Coach: Kris Kafalidis.

CAULFIELD: Madjed 6 — Papar 6, Harris 8, Kotis 8, McNeil 6 — Bitsos 6, Theodorou 6, Xyros 6 — Abrahams 7, Schindler 5 (Hamakotis 40th), Theodopoulos 6, Griffith 7. Coach: Takis Vikings.

Best three: 3. Koutsos (Ca), 2 Harris (Ca), 1. Griffin (Ca).

NORTHCOTE CITY 0 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 1 (Polak 30th) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

NORTHCOTE: Turidus 4 — Leonardi 3, Bozikis 5, Patrinis 4, J. Constantinos 3 — Ramos 4, Toro 2 (Koumentos 46m 3), Drakesford 3 (Temos H. 7), McGuiness 7 (Jankolovski 54th). Coach: Juan Toro.

INSTITUTE: Gunning 3 — Koch 3, Mills 6, Riddell 3 — Gibson 3, Clarkson 3, Polak 6, Nicolau 4 — Edwards 5, Welch 4. Coach: Ron Smith.

Best three: 3. Polak (AIS), 2 Koch (AIS), 1 Bozikis (Nc).

CRYDON CITY 1 (French 8th) FRANKSTON PINES 0 At Town Park, Sunday.

CRYDON CITY: Waterman 7 — M. Brown 6, I. Marshall 5 (Brack H. T. 6), O'Reilly 7, Tansey 7 — McDonald 6, Brogan 6, Beech 7, Livingstone 7 — Nelson 6, French 7. Coach: Jim Tansey.

FRANKSTON PINES: Reardon 7 — T. O'Reilly 7, Bozic 6, Park 6 — Rust 5 (Dick H. T. 6), Smith 6, Buchanan 6, Watson 6, Miller 7 — P. Hennessey 6, Armstrong 6. Coach: Danny McAllister.

Best three: 3. O'Reilly (Cr), 2 French (Cr), 1. Thurlow (FP).

BROADMEADOWS 0 FAWKNER 1 (Feria 34th) at Laura Douglas Reserve, Sunday.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 6 — Smart 6, Vizini 6, Higham 6, Edmondson 6 — Gartside 6 — Black 6 — T. O'Reilly 5 (Donaldson 67th). A. Cantar 5 — T. O'Reilly 5, Kadlecik 5 — P. Kadlecik 6, Liberto 5. Coach: Kaz Kukacka.

FAWKNER: Wilson 6 — Ferla 7, Fattore 6, Schipano 7 — Walsh 6, Chiavoli 7, Stenson 6 (Cozzello 75th), D'icecco 6 — Palinkas 6, Tuffield 6, Verechia 6. Coach: Frank McAleer.

Best three: 3. Ferla (Fa), 2. Chiavoli (Fa), 1. Blair (Em).

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Webster 44th) POLONIA 1 (Wojcinski 52nd) at North Cringan Reserve, Sunday.

MORWELL: Prezioso 5 — Bingham 6, Clarke 6, Bruna 7, Kotis 6 — E. Cassar 6 (Van Baar), O'Callaghan 7, Tull 7 — Webster 7, Stirton 6, A. Cassar 8. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

POLONIA: Kiss 6 — Czaplicki 6, Koszamichalis 7, Domresky 6 (Warczynski 6), Dzulcev 6 — Cozzello 7, Bennett 7, Faveli 7, Baran 6 (Lavic 60th), Wycislik 7. Coach: Miron Blahnik.

Best three: 3. A. Cassar (MF), 2. Koszamichalis (Pol), 1. Tull (MF).

The leading vote-getters are:

11 — Harris (Ca).

8 — Edwards (AIS).

7 — Ferla (Fa).

6 — T. Cumming (GG), J. Nelson (Cr), Polak (AIS).

5 — Burton (BH), Kotzamichalis (Pol).

4 — Blair (Bm), Duzel (StAD), Ferla (Fa), Kardamitis (WS), Palinkas (Fa).

3 — Bingham (MF), Boland (Sv), Carfora (Th), A. Cassar (MF), Colina (StAD), Dimovski (WS), Grimaud (GG), Gymnopoulos (Nc), Higgins (Th), House (Sv), Janssen (FFP), Koutos (Ca), McGuinness (Th), McLelland (GG), Marshall (Cr), R. Nelson (Dn), O'Reilly (Cr).

not afford to offer them contracts this year.

The Makedonia committee began to get cold feet on the deal and finally closed the door on Dick's hopes of playing in the National League this year.

Dick has been in dispute with Pines since the Buffalo Cup night series began and refused to play for the club which told its players it could



* Green Gully, which faces Morwell this weekend. Back row: Charlie Sant, Stephen Douglas, Steve McLean, Colin Quigley, Lou Denys, Stuart Cannell, Joe Sweeney. Front row: David Hogben, Les Carter, Danny Zemunik, Tommy Cumming, John Grimaud, Scott Fraser. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

one place on the Buffalo State League table.

With George McMullan and Russell Athrys out with hamstring problems and Nino DiMartino sidelined by trouble with his medial ligaments it will be a far from full-strength team that coach Mike Lynn

will be at the moment battling it out.

Jim Kondilis' Western Suburbs lost a lot of players at the end of last season and is now running into injury problems. The committee has been reluctant to buy new talent which has left Kondilis' situations like last Sunday's against Springvale where he had to play an unfit David Smallman up front.

SATURDAY

CAULFIELD v Croydon Park, 3pm.
Morwell Falcons v Green Gully at North Cringan Reserve, 3pm.

INSTITUTE OF SPORT v Oakleigh at Bruce Stadium, 7.30pm.

SUNDAY

FRANKSTON PINES v Broadmeadows at Monterey Park, 3pm.
WESTERN SUBURBS v Northcote at Ralph Street Reserve, 3pm.

Fawkner v St Albans Dinamo at Smith Reserve, 3pm.
POLONIA v Thomastown, 3pm.
Box Hill v SPRINGVALE at Wembley Park, 3pm.

Hawke is available

Experienced goalkeeper Terry Hawke is on the look-out for a new club and is on a free transfer.

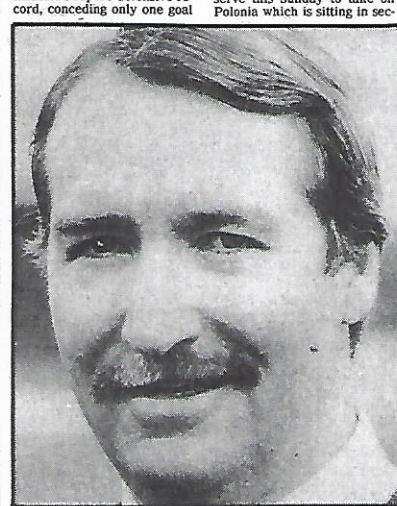
Hawke is a former Moorabbin, Caulfield and Fernreeve Gully keeper who has distinguished himself at all levels of the game in Australia.

He can be contacted at work on 20 2591 or at home on 819 2297.

Spicer on the move

Paul Spicer, the Doncaster Rovers winger and third place-getter in last year's First Division, Dean and Foss, is looking for a new club.

The 20-years-old has a \$750 maximum on his head and can be contacted at 848 5235.



* Frank McAleer — his link with Caulfield ends.

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The top scorers are:

5 — Warczynski (Pol).

3 — Bitsos (Ca), Morovic (StAD), Runje (StAD), Zemunik (GG).

2 — Buchanan (FP), Cozzella (Fa), French (Cr), P. Hennessey (Cr).

Freshwater up in arms!

Sutherland Shire drew its third successive match and for the third successive time the scoreline was 0-0.

At the other end of the scale, Canterbury Marrickville has scored for the third time in three weeks and one point to show for its efforts.

Jimmy Ronis, the Canterbury Marrickville, was at odds to explain how this could happen. With the smile that seldom leaves his face, he grinned as he tried to explain his side's misfortunes: "We should get something for those goals," said Ronis.

Canterbury may not have won a game this season but managed to get off the bottom of the table, after Inter Monaro got thumped at Cook Park by



NSW State Bank League with ALEX VESIC

the marauding men in blue and black.

Canberra City had two more Peruvians on display at Bruce against Freshwater but found the side from the northern Sydney beaches a little hard to beat. In the end Canberra won after a disputed penalty, prompting one Sydneysider to lament that it was a "compulsory" penalty decision against the visitors.

John Fleming promised "five" against Macedonia at

Berkeley but his men did not fire and in the end City and Macedonia shared the spoils with one goal and one point apiece.

Rockdale Ilinden and Ku-Ring-Gai looked set for a draw until an inexplicable error break. Ilinden's Nastoski the break.

And what about Manly Warringah? Well, my prediction of a huge loss fell a few goals short with Melita Eagles winning after a disputed penalty decision.

In 270 minutes of football Manly has been beaten just once and that was from the penalty spot. Well done Alf Stamp, you are doing a fine job with a bunch of dedicated youngsters.

Ilinden 2 Ku-Ring-Gai 1

At Seymour Shaw

Scorers: Kevorn 25th(M),

Rodas 47th, Nastoski 88th(R).

With his defence reshuffled, the introduction of yet another youngster to first grade duties and the demotion of Bennett and Bass to second grade, coach Dennis Ford could hardly expect to gain more than a point against Rockdale Ilinden.

In fact, most believed that Ilinden would walk it in with only David Kevern in defence from the last year's successful backline at Ku-Ring-Gai.

Ilinden did turn it on for the first quarter of an hour and looked menacing indeed. But due to some good keeping by Lacey and some poor management by Ilinden players with Genovese and Rodas having their shots saved, Ku-Ring-Gai pulled through then took the initiative.

John Camburn raced down the left before sending in a looping long cross to the far Post. David Kevern came storming on and with Ilinden players failing to cover the Ku-Ring-Gai fullback, Kevern simply shot from an acute angle to

beat Barker in the 25th minute. Ilinden came back strongly in the closing stages of the first half and almost snatched an equaliser with Paul Darlington being the closest to the mark by hitting the woodwork in the 45th.

Two minutes into the second half and the crowd was treated to a gem of a goal. Mitrovski was the man who started the move. Ilinden's sweeper came thundering through on the right flank then sent in a cross which was met first time by Patrick Rodas. It was a superb volley which left Lacey gasping.

Lee Sutherland had an opportunity to intercept but let the ball go and only a second later he watched the ball flash into the net — a little late to do anything about it then.

Ilinden tried hard to get the winner but with little success. Then came a substitution by Ku-Ring-Gai and Craig Bass was on the park. Right on full time the brilliant striker faced Barker then chipped him but shot over the bar.

Seconds later Sutherland found Williamson who managed to scoop the ball high and wide from just inches out from goal!

Then came the clincher. Vince Nastoski, at 19 years of age one of the veterans of Ilinden, dispossessed Chris Quigley then raced into the area to score in the 88th. For Nastoski it was his belated birthday present. He turned 19 only two weeks ago.

Happy birthday Vince!

Macedonia 1 Woll City 1

At Berkley Sports Ground

Scorers: Easthope 30th(WC), Campbell 55th(M).

This south coast derby attracted over 2,000 spectators at Berkley Sports Ground and a find day was had by all — except the forwards.

The bitter rivalry which has developed between these teams in the past two seasons was good promotional material prior to the match, but for all concerned it was a matter of survival with neither very keen to come forward and open up holes to exploit.

It was a wait-and-see game with Macedonia making the first error and Randell Easthope galloping in to score his goal and give Wolves the advantage.

Amy Campbell capped on of his best games for Macedonia by scoring the equaliser in the 55th, giving Warwick Young no chance at all and that effectively put an end to goals and chances alike.

Berlinguer at one end and Campbell at the other kept their defences with rare enthusiasm hence the forwards, despite some cold displays particularly from Easthope, Brodnik and Paul and Robert Giraldi, could do little to penetrate.

Mark Sweeney, despite a broken toe, played for the full



• Blacktown boss Les Scheinflug: "What do you think this result has done for Blacktown and me?"

90 minutes and that sums up the fiercely competitive nature both sides displayed in this local derby.

Blacktown 0 Sutherland 0

At Gables Stadium

"We had most of the play and the chances but failed to capitalise," was the comment from BOTH sides after the match.

But the scoreline remained 0-0, something I was reminded of by the Sutherland Shire manager.

"I waited for you to ring me, Alex, because I was sure you'd change your phone number," sounded Geoff Ball, referring to my prediction here.

Well, I had promised to change my number just in case Sutherland took a point in this match. It did, and I wasn't going to take this sitting down. I phoned Lee Scheinflug, the Demons coach, and told him that I was not going to be made a fool of.

"What are you trying to do to me?" I asked.

"What do you think the re-

sult has done to Blacktown and me?" yelled Scheinflug.

Well, it was all in good fun.

Sutherland collected its third straight draw and may be invited by Littlewoods to tour England next year if it can continue this form for the rest of the season.

Craig Burchmore was the star of his side as he repeatedly denied goal efforts by the Blacktown forwards, including saves from Sandy, Thorntwaite and Cotton.

Sutherland has its own opportunities to net, the best failure to Peter Terry in the game. He faced McPherson but the keeper blocked the shot. Terry had a second bite of the cherry but his final effort went wide.

Craig Hall almost snatched a late winner with a header following a fine run by Greg Lerond but it cleared the crossbar much to the relief of McPherson — and yours truly!

Canberra 1 Freshwater 0

At Bruce Stadium

Scorer: Alan Reis pen. 86th.

"We wuz robbed!" was the cry from Freshwater after it returned from its trip to Bruce Stadium last Saturday night.

Canberra City was awarded a penalty in the closing stages of the game as Gillian and Alan Reis grappled for the ball on the edge of the penalty area. The referee apparently took some time after Reis fell to the ground before pointing to the spot.

Alan Reis made no mistake with his attempt to convert and Canberra City had its first win of the season.

For Canberra the win coincided with the arrival of two more Peruvians, Alexis Suarez and Shin Gonzales joined Augusto Palacios, the Peruvian international now player-coach of Canberra.

Gonzales was instant success and with Palacios formed a strong partnership which gave Freshwater some anxious moments during the first period.

Freshwater came back strongly in the second half and created its own opportunities but wasted them.

In fact Cassachia could have salvaged a point for the visitors in the dying seconds as he swung at the ball only five metres from goal but missed it altogether and Canberra took the points.

Manly Warr 0 Melita Eagles 1

At Cromer Park

Scorer: Birol Serbas pen. 53rd.

Warwick Tingle is fast becoming the talk of the town as he denies forwards game after game with the ease of a seasonal international.

He saved from Farrugia early, then cleared the dose with Serbas offering a shot in the 25th. Only two minutes later Callanan found the young keeper in form. But the

31st when Brown crossed for John Foxman to get up and send a header which was goalbound. Tingle made an incredible save, pushing the ball over the bar for a corner.

However, eight minutes into the second half and the youngster who has stood unbeaten for 233 minutes in his first season in State League, was beaten. John Foxman attempted a lob which was handled by a Manly defender and Birol Serbas scored from the resultant penalty.

Cimarron had a chance for Manly midway through the second half and when Foxman had one for Melita but the scoreline remained unchanged.

In the end Melita was happy to take the points after a pale performance at Cromer Park. The league favorite hasn't repeated its pre-season form and will be hoping for a quick return by Wilson to bolster its chances.

Canterbury 1 Newcastle Rose 2

At Arlington Oval

Scorers: Caisley 15th, Penfold 56th (pen.), Birrell 65th(C).

John Spanos was signed by Canterbury in a bid to bolster its playing strength. In the meantime Newcastle Rosebuds fielded a settled line-up with Mountford and Milosevic leading the way from the back.

A corner by Ross Milosevic found Derek Caisley who beat Hummel from close range to open the scoring.

Canterbury equalised through a penalty by George Kalogeras after Zlatko Abramovic had brought him down.

But instead of yet another point at Arlington vanished as Hummel impeded a Newcastle forward. Craig Penfold scored from the resultant penalty to give Rosebuds their second away victory with scoreline of 2-1.

Uruguay 5 Inter Monaro 1

At Cook Park

Scorers: Batten 70th, 72nd, Wood 74th, 77th, Thompson 63rd, Medina 59th(U), Colbertado 74th(M).

Inter Monaro, well led by Sebastian Giampaolo, looked in good touch during the first period and was the better side for most of the first 45 minutes.

However, for all its good work, Inter Monaro fell behind after 17 minutes. Gabriel Damozetovic handled and Brett Woods made no mistake from the spot.

Inter started the second period with most at the ground believing that it had a good chance to take at least one and maybe both points. But Inter never came to grips with this contest and fell badly.

John McKie strolled through a gaping hole in Inter's defence in the 54th to make it 2-0, then Craig Thompson repeated the move to make it 3-0 in the 63rd.

David Batten added two goals in the space of three minutes and despite Colbertado's late goal for Inter, the visitors were well and truly hammered.



• Brett Woods — opened Uruguay's account against Inter Monaro.



• John McKie — scored Uruguay's second

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

**Saturday, 4th of April
(7.30pm)**

**NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS — CANBERRA CITY,
Adamstown Oval**

**WOLLONGONG CITY — BLACKTOWN CITY,
Wollongong Showground**

**Sunday, 5th of April
(2.30pm)**

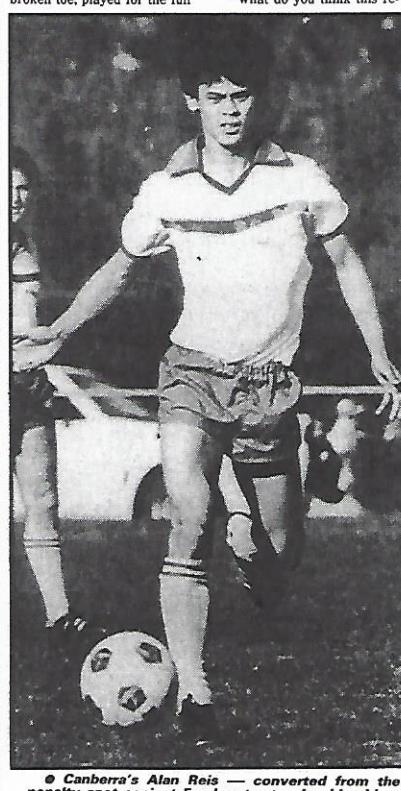
**KU-RING-GAI — WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA,
Parklands**

**INTER MONARO — ROCKDALE ILINDEN,
Marco Polo Ground**

**MANLY WARRINGAH — URUGUAY,
Cromer Park**

**SUTHERLAND — CANTERBURY,
Seymour Shaw**

**MELITA EAGLES — FRESHWATER
Melita Stadium**



• Canberra's Alan Reis — converted from the penalty spot against Freshwater to give his side a

BLACKTOWN TO GO DOWN

State Bank League table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BLACKTOWN CITY	2	1	0	6	1	5
WOLLONGONG CITY	2	1	0	7	5	5
MANLY WARRINGAH	2	0	1	3	1	4
MELITA EAGLES	1	2	0	6	5	4
Newcastle	2	0	1	5	4	4
Canberra City	1	2	0	3	2	4
Uruguay	1	1	1	8	5	3
Rockdale Ilinden	1	1	1	4	4	3
Sutherland	0	3	0	0	0	3
Macedonia W'gong	0	2	1	2	3	2
Freshwater	1	0	2	4	6	2
Ku-Ring-Gai	0	1	2	2	4	1
Canterbury	0	1	2	3	7	1
Inter Monaro	1	2	1	5	11	1

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Rodas 47th, Nestoski 88th)
KU-RING-GAI 1 (Kevens 25th) at Seymour Shaw Park.

ILINDEN: Barker 7, — D Wilson 7, Boogard 7, Mitrovski 8, G Wilson 7, — Nestoski 8, Darlington 7 (Nikolovski 82nd), Rodas 8, Genovese 9, — Best three 2 Campbell (R), 2 Rodas (R), 1 Kevens (K).

MELITA EAGLES 1 (Campbell 55th) WOLLONGONG CITY v (Easthope 30th) at Canterbury Park.
MELITA EAGLES: Genovese 8, Campbell 7, Ruskin 7, Sweeney 8, Muhlbauer 7, — Dakovski 7, Krivok 7, Jirsa 6, Kerr 7, — Gardiner 6, Giraldi 7.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young 7, — Skeen 7, Holfield 6, Berringer 7, Morlindo 7, — Ainsworth 8, Kristovic 5 (Stefanovski 80th), Coakley 6, Giraldi 6, — Brodrik 7, Easthope 8.

Best three 3 Campbell (M), 2 Easthope (WC), 1 Sweeney (M).

BLACKTOWN CITY 0 SUTHERLAND 0 at the Gabbie.

BLACKTOWN CITY: McPherson 7, — Maier 8, Reynolds 7, Sterry 8 (Naumov 75th), Van Blerk 5 (Cotter 46th), Rodas 6, Genovese 9, Giraldi 7.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 8, R O'Shea 7, Terry 8, Ball 7, Seller 7, — J O Shee 7, Cox 7, Harrington 8, Tasker 7 (Lerond 75th), — Hall 6, Caban 6 (Shape 60th).

Best three 3 Burchmore (S), 2 Kay (BC), 1 Harrington (S).

CANBERRA CITY 1 (A Reis per 86th) FRESHWATER 0 at Bruce.

CANBERRA CITY: Economopoulos 7, — Bryant 8, Dunn 7, Suarez 8, Mazis 7, — P Reis 6, Dunn 7, Sermani 7, Palacios 9 (Palacios 9, Etherington 6, Juergens 5, Carrick 5, Stuart 6, — Cimarosti 6, Smith 5 (Loughran 63rd, 7).

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 7, — Williamson 7, Calahan 6, Cabassi 8, Griffiths 7 (Meeran 46th), — Farugia 7, Farnsworth 6, Welburn 6, Seribas 7 (Baptista 55th), Brown 6, Foxman 6.

Best three 3 Cabassi (ME), 2 Dean (F), 1 Bryant (CC).

MANYL WARRINGAH 0 MELITA EAGLES 1 (Sort-bas per 55th) at Cromer.

MANYL: Tocino 6, Dunn 7, Pearce 7, Williamson 7, Mangan 6, Etherington 6, Juergens 5, Carrick 5, Stuart 6, — Cimarosti 6, Smith 5 (Loughran 63rd, 7).

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CANTERBURY 1 (Kalogeras per 65th) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS 2 (Caisley 15th, Penfold per 80th) at Arlington.

CANTERBURY: Hammel 8, — Vandarakis 6, Antonades 7, Radman 8, Michael 6, — Borges 8, Valente 7, Sparo 6, — Andromedes 6, Petru 6 (Gomes 70th), Arambasic (Antonades 65th per 80th).

NEWCASTLE: Grills 8, — Milicevic 8, Mountford 8, Roberts 6, Cavanah 7, — Folley 6 (Rowney 70th), Penfold 7.

Best three 3 Mountford (NR), 2 Radman (C), 1 Milicevic (NR).

URUGUAY 5 (Words per 17th, Batten 70th, 72nd, McKie 54th, Thompson 68th) INTER MONARO 1 (Colbertaldo 74th) at Cook Park.

URUGUAY: Hoare 7, — O'Donnell 8, Woods 8, Kristovic 6 (Pinz 72nd), Tomashich 7, — Bourke 7, Thompson 7, Webber 6, Genc 8, — Batten 8, McKie 7, — Mosquero 78th).

INTER MONARO: Notaris 5, — Komatzov 5, — Tilias 6, Gagetti 6 (Arribalzaga 75th), Colbertaldo 74th, Feliz 6 (Montenegro 75th), Ambrosio 7, Panabre 5, — Fernandez 6, Giampalo 8, Valeri 6.

Best three 3 O'Donnell (U), 2 Genc (U), 1 Giampalo (IM).

Leading scorers:

3 — Cimarosti (MW), Batten (U), Easthope (WC)

2 — Morlindo (WC), Rodas (R), Penfold (NR), Brown, Farugia (ME), Felizzi (IM), Giannone, Dean (FW), A. Reis (CC), Van Blerk (BC)

Second Grade

Hinden — Kuringai 0-1, Uruguay — Inter Monaro 3-0, Manly — Melita 1-0, Macedonia — Wollongong City 2-1, Blacktown — Sutherland 6-0, Canterbury — Newcastle 1-3, Canberra — Freshwater 0-4.

Second Grade table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
URUGUAY	3	0	0	8	1	6
BLACKTOWN CITY	2	1	0	11	3	5
FRESHWATER	2	1	0	10	2	5
MELITA EAGLES	2	0	1	15	1	4
Sutherland	2	0	1	10	9	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	2	0	1	3	2	4
Macedonia W'gong	2	0	1	3	5	4
Manly Warringah	1	1	1	3	3	3
Newcastle	1	0	2	4	5	2
Wollongong City	1	0	2	2	5	2
Canterbury	1	0	2	3	8	2
Inter Monaro	0	1	2	2	13	1
Rockdale Ilinden	0	0	3	3	8	0
Canberra City	0	0	3	1	13	0

Second Division

Sydney Maccabi is gunning for the "dizzy" heights of top competition in the NSW State League, while sister club Sydney City Hakoah looks like ending its ties with the National League at the end of this year.

Maccabi reportedly has received sponsorship from the Hakoah Club to the tune of \$10,000 and is looking forward to quite a good season. However, it is still difficult to see Maccabi toppling the likes of Kingstown, Yugal, Polonia or even North Bankstown.

But, it's early days yet and so far the most impressive side has been Yugal, defeating Kingstown and Bankstown City, opponents that are not going to be easy pickings for any side in the league. Yugal has a game in hand against Avala and a win there should put Dez Marston's team at the top of the table.

Polonia destroyed Gladysville Hornsby at Chipping Park and is very eager to get back among the best in the NSW State League.

Deb Why surprised Queens-

Juventus-Pioneer retained its Cascade Summer Cup title in Tasmania with a 1-0 win over Olympia-WPL at the KGV stadium in Glenorchy.

Damon Youl, the Juventus goalkeeper, was one of his side's heroes on the night.

He had been discarded after two matches of the pre-season competition following the arrival of the club's new goalkeeper from Aberdeen, Neil Connell.

Connell played in the third group-match and the semi-final, where he was injured and ruled out of the final.

Youl was recalled at short notice and turned in a blinder, saving fine efforts from Xanthopoulos and Goldsmith during the course of the match.

Australia's national under-16 captain, Dominic Longo, was a tower of strength at the back for Ju-

ventus and he and fellow defenders Nick Di Martino, Alastair Cochrane and Bruce Pears, effectively neutralised the Olympia strikers.

The decisive goal came right on half-time following a quick Juventus counter-attack.

Kannegieser crossed from the left,

Broadhouse miskicked, and the ball rolled loose to Frank Genovesi who placed his shot past the vainly driving Burden.

Olympia might have had a penalty in the closing minutes but the referee waved play on and Xanthopoulos and Goldsmith's shot was deflected onto the crossbar.

The final of the Rothmans League section of the competition went to a replay after Tarooma and

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John Barnes of Watford and England — heading to Italy or Anfield?

Liverpool to lose to lure of lira?

Most players would find an offer to join Liverpool irresistible. Over the past decade, wearing the club's famous red stripe has been a guarantee of success. But John Barnes, Watford's highly talented England winger, is in no hurry to move to Anfield, even though the two clubs have agreed a fee in the region of \$1 million (SA2.33 million).

The lure of the lira and the Italian sun may prove a bigger attraction for a player whom Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish sees as an essential component of his side when Welsh international striker Ian Rush joins Juventus next season.

There's little doubt that Italian pitches would suit Barnes. He is at his best on dry grounds where his ball control and speed can give defenders nightmares. Jamie-born Barnes has not always done himself justice in his 29 appearances for his country. But his talent has never been in doubt since he scored a memorable solo goal in the defeat of Brazil on England's South American tour three years ago.

Last year he provided a worldwide television audience with a glimpse of his breathtaking skills.

England trailed eventual champion Argentina 2-0 in the World Cup quarter-final at the Aztec stadium in Mexico City when manager Bobby Robson threw his last dice and gave Barnes his first taste of World Cup action with 15 minutes left.

It was a case of what might have been as Barnes tormented the Argentine defence and provided the cross for England's only goal scored by Gary Lineker.

But surprise 3-1 FA Cup quarter-final win over favourite Arsenal recently, has made no secret of the fact that he would like to play in Italy when his contract expires at the end of the current season, none of the wealthier Italian clubs has rushed for his signature.

They could have been put off by the Italian federation's recent decision to maintain the limit of two foreign players per club.

Barnes said: "I'm flattered Liverpool wants me. It is one of the finest clubs in Europe, but I'm going to take my time and see what other offers come in."

"I've always admired Italian football and it would be a great experience to play in it."

Watford manager Graham Taylor is resigned to losing his England winger in a few weeks. "Your chances of keeping a team together for more than two or three years are almost impossible at a small club like Watford," he said.

"The best players want to move on for more money, and who can blame them?"

Taylor expects Barnes to play all of his remaining matches for Watford "as if they are cup finals", and he can have no complaints on that score after his high-class display against Arsenal.

Said Barnes, "Every player's dream is to play at Wembley. The fact that I am leaving Watford at the end of the season would make it even more special."

"We didn't really do ourselves justice when we lost to Everton in the (FA Cup) final three years ago."

PSV wants Hoddle

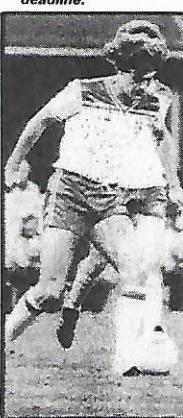
Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven reportedly wants England and Tottenham midfield star Glen Hoddle (pictured) to replace Ruud Gullit who it sold to AC Milan last week.

Hoddle, 29, wants to finish his career on the Continent, although he still has a year of his contract to run at Spurs.

Middlewife, Arsenal, whose league championship challenge has floundered recently, is reported to be offering \$1.7 million (\$A4 million) for unsettled Chelsea strikers Kerry Dixon and David Speedie.

Arsenal manager George Graham cut short a holiday to Portugal to try to com-

plete the deal before last week's transfer deadline.



Real Madrid, Dynamo Kiev in Champions' Cup Final?

UEFA maintained hopes of an "ideal" Real Madrid v. Dynamo Kiev European Champions' Cup Final when it kept the two apart in the semi-final draw. Neither, however, can anticipate an easy passage to the trophy decider.

Real, bidding for the 14th European final appearance, meets another club with an honored place in continental soccer history — Bayern Munich.

The Bavarians, three times Champions' Cup winners, looked a very capable side when destroying the highly rated Anderlecht in the quarter-finals and have attracted supposedly "smart money" in recent weeks.

Real, which has a phenomenal record on its Bernabeu Stadium turf, will stage the second leg and that advantage may well prove decisive.

Fears have been expressed that Dynamo Kiev, which practically doubles as the Soviet national team, will soon burn itself out in the manner of the equally gifted and equally active Kiev side of the mid-70s. But, unless Soviet soccer authorities are stupid enough to permit history to repeat itself, the Ukrainian club can be expected to overcome the workmanlike, though hardly inspiring Porto.

Ajax Amsterdam and Real Zaragoza, two names which conjure up memories of magical nights of soccer during past eras, meet in the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. Zaragoza hasn't contested the final competition since 1969. Ajax last feature in one 14 years ago, when its current coach Johan Cruyff was in his prime, and both have some way to go before fully recapturing their past glory.

A tight tie is in prospect, with the ever-improving Zaragoza

going into it as slight favorite.

In direct contrast to the Zaragoza-Ajax pairing, the other semi-final matches two teams — Bordeaux and Lokomotive Leipzig — neither of which has appeared in a European final.

Bordeaux, with its French Cup stars and Yugoslavia's Vujoovic twins, look the classier outfit on paper, but Lokomotive will be keen to extend East Germany's admirable Cup Winners' Cup record. Both Magdeburg and Carl Zeiss reached past finals with combinations that seemed just as ordinary as Leipzig's. Predictions for Bordeaux victory must be made with some caution, therefore.

The UEFA Cup survivors include two past winners of the tournament and two others, yet to grace a European final.

Having dispensed with favorite Barcelona in the last stage, Dundee United must fancy its chances of accounting for Borussia Monchengladbach, but optimism must be tempered with wariness. While not any where near the calibre of the UEFA Cup winning sides of 1975 and 1979, the contemporary Borussia is a very efficient and battle-hardened unit. United will have to produce its top form to advance to the final.

Bayern Munich bound coach Jupp Heynckes would dearly love to add his shirt to Monchengladbach with a UEFA Cup triumph, while United will feel confident that, after experiencing much ill-fortune in past European campaigns, this is destined to be its season.

In the final round of this season's tournament, Borussia eliminated Scotland's team of the moment, Glasgow Rangers, on the away goals ruling after two Scots had been sent off late in the tie. The possibility of United gaining revenge adds further spice to what promises to be an intriguing couple of encounters.

IfK Gothenburg surely is the most unsung of Europe's

elite teams, and among the elite it certainly is for the Swedes were appallingly unlucky not to reach last year's Champions' Cup Final and, during the current season, have extended their sequence of UEFA Cup games without defeat to 20.

It is highly unlikely that GC

Tirol will continue its remarkable giant-killing run of Gothenburg's expense, even if the inspirational West German veteran Hansi Muller reproduces the brilliance which sank Torino in the quarter-finals.

The full draw for the European competition semi finals is:

EUROPEAN CHAMPION'S CUP: Real Madrid (West Germany), Dynamo Kiev (USSR) v Porto (Portugal).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Real Zaragoza (Spain) v Ajax Amsterdam (Holland), Bordeaux (France) v Lokomotive Leipzig (Sweden) v FC Tirol (Austria).

The matches will be played on the mornings of April 9 and April 23 (Australian time).

PLATINI TO FACE FRAUD CHARGES

Borussia Monchengladbach coach Jupp Heynckes will join the staff of Bayern Munich at the end of the current West German season.

Goals by Jan Urban, Jan Furtok and Marek Lesniak enabled Poland to gain a 3-1 win over Finland in a friendly international at Rybnik. Jukka Ikalainen scored for the Finns.

Michael Platini is one of 11 former St Etienne players and officials who are to stand trial on fraud charges in France. It is alleged that the players received illegal cash handouts from a "slush fund" of approximately \$70 million between 1978 and 1982. The trial is due to commence on May 17.

Would the mere sight of the words "Foster's Lager" set the youth of England upon the slippery road towards alcoholism? The British government-funded Committee on Alcohol Abuse evidently believes so. It has condemned English First Division club Norwich City as being "utterly irresponsible" for advertising brewing material for a junior soccer tournament which shows a 12-year-old boy wearing a Norwich City jersey bearing the names of its sponsors — the forementioned brewing concern.

The transfer details of Dutch international striker Ruud Gullit's move from PSV Eindhoven to AC Milan have been finalised. The transfer fee totals \$13 million and he moves to Milan on June 20. The fee is a world record.



Michael Platini — goes on trial on May 17

Barcelona's English coach Terry Venables ended speculation about his future when signing a contract with the club which will keep him in Catalonia for at least a further two years.

Scottish national team manager Andy Roxburgh explained the dropping of Maurice Johnston from his squad to prepare for the European Championship fixture with Belgium by stating that the Celtic striker

had "too many personal worries to give his best at international level". Johnston was recently found guilty on an assault charge and heavily fined. The squad included three newcomers — Steve Clarke (Chelsea), Ian Redford and Jim McNally (both Dundee United).

The Strongest lived up to its name when beating Oriental Petroleo 3-0 in a play-off to secure the Bolivian League Championship.

History's on the side of Gunners

For the first time during the current English domestic season, silverware will be at stake on the morning of April 6 (Australian time) when Liverpool meets Arsenal in the Littlewood's Cup Final.

England's major clubs have not always taken the Littlewood's Cup (originally known as the Football League Cup, then the Milk Cup) seriously in the past. Their lethargy gave lesser lights, most notable Norwich City, Stoke City, Queen's Park Rangers, Swindon Town and Oxford United, opportunities to pick up crumbs from the rich men's tables.

This time, however, the final will feature two real heavyweights, Liverpool and Arsenal, both venerable institutions of world soccer, have been to the fore throughout the current campaign.

Liverpool's credentials, of course, are obvious. Winner of both the League and FA Cup last season, it can call upon players of world renown in Jan Molby, Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush and Mark Lawrenson. Its probable starting line-up contains nine full internationals. Arsenal, on the other hand, hasn't won a major honor since 1979 and one player whose fame extends beyond Britain is the 70-plus-times capped Ken Sansom.

The Gunners, though, have been a revelation this season. A legitimate contender for the league title, they boast a wealth of young talent including Tony Adams, recently drafted for England senior international duty at 20 years of age; David Rocastle; Paul Da-



Kenny Sansom (right) about to slip past Garry Birtles of Forest. Sansom will face the might of Liverpool this weekend.



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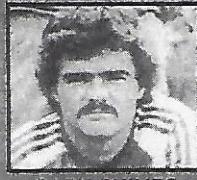
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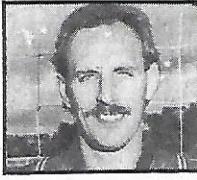
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